

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Andrew Renner, Sr.,
who has successfully owned and operated
Renner's Grocery for more than 54 years.

WHEREAS, the grocery store is often the center of rural areas, and there is no fairer or friendlier grocery store than Renner's, located for over half a century in Cedar Creek; and

WHEREAS, at a time when Franklin Roosevelt was President, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the popular songs included "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo," and the cost of a half gallon of milk was 27 cents, Andrew Renner, Sr., opened Renner's Grocery Store in 1941; and

WHEREAS, since then the store has survived and prospered, despite strong competition from dozens of competitors, with the help of four generations of appreciative local citizens; and

WHEREAS, Andrew married his childhood sweetheart, Ruth Hixson, in 1941, and this blessed union has produced four children: Kyle, a mail carrier; Andrew, Jr., the principal at South Greene High School; Carolyn, a music teacher; and Marilyn Fillers, who died in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Renners also are the loving grandparents of four grandsons and one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, the Renners also have a host of other "adopted" children, who have visited and still visit their store each day; many of them come in to sit and chat a while around the stove or to play a game of pool or video games at the back of the store; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Renner loves people and says, "I just like to meet the public regardless of whether I know them or not. Anybody that comes in, I can talk to them, whether

they're a preacher, a farmer or a senator. They've all been here, even a governor, Lamar Alexander"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to recognize this outstanding Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and thank Andrew Renner for his more than fifty years of service to the citizens of Unicoi County and wish him well in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.